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on behalf of Penelakut First Nation Elders
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Saltspring Residents for Responsible Land Use
Saltspring Island, BC

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Attention: Saltspring Residents for Responsible Land Use

Re: Penelakut Elders Ongoing Concerns for the Protection of Syuhe'mun

Dear Donna Martin, Sharon Bywater, Kim Korbacher;

Thank you for your ongoing work toward educating the public about the industrialization of our sacred site known as Syuhe'mun. We also continue to be concerned about preservation and respectful treatment of this important site.

We write to clarify the current status of our work towards the protection and preservation of Syuhe'mun. On April 20, 2005, we, the Penelakut Elders and Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group had a meeting with the Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection ("WLAP") and Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. ("Sablefin"). At this meeting we discussed many options for settlement. Specifically, we requested that Sablefin's lawyers put forward a list of options we discussed at the meeting. This work was never completed. Further, we drafted and circulated a possible agreement involving the WLAP, Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Sablefin and Mr. Henry Caldwell. In spite of our calls and emails, much time has passed and we have only had a response from WLAP. At this time, we do not have any agreement with the above noted parties. To fully clarify, our interests and needs have not been addressed.

This matter continues to be important for us and we intend to carry on our activities to ensure this sacred site is treated in a respectful manner. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss any further work and partnership we may have.

Yours truly,

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